

MINUTES

UTAH PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2006

**Room 402 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building**

CONVENED: 9:04 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:46 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Marc M. Searle, Chairperson
Linda S. Protzman
Dean Workman
Russell C. Gaede, PsyD

Board Members Absent:

Gloria Miley

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Read and approve the September 19, 2006 Minutes.

Ms. Protzman made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dr. Gaede seconded the motion. **Dr. Gaede, Ms. Protzman and Mr. Searle voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Workman abstained from voting as he was absent from the last meeting.**

APPOINTMENTS:

10:00 A.M.

Thomas McCloud, Discussion regarding Examinations

Mr. McCloud met with the Board for discussion regarding the required examinations.

Board members and Division Staff were introduced.

Mr. McCloud explained that he had an aneurysm in his head which burst just before graduating with his

Master of Arts degree in Counseling. He explained that he was in a coma for over 2 months. He stated that one of the effects of the aneurysm is that he might know information but the recall is not there. Mr. McCloud stated that his CPCI expired in September 2006 but he is not working in a position that requires him to have a license. Mr. McCloud stated that he took the required NCC examination and failed it. He stated that he has not registered again for the NCC and has never registered for the NCMHCE. Mr. McCloud stated that he has resigned himself to the fact that he will not be able to be licensed as a Professional Counselor as he will not be able to pass the examinations.

Ms. Taxin commented that Mr. McCloud did very well on the NCC examination as he only failed by a few points.

Mr. McCloud stated that he did not fail by very much but it was still a fail. He stated that he had asked if he could do ½ of the examination in 4 hours on one day and then the other ½ of the examination the next day in 4 hours but that proposal was denied.

Ms. Taxin also mentioned that Mr. McCloud requested both examinations be waived or have the examinations open book. Ms. Taxin stated all those requests were denied.

Ms. Taxin then confirmed that she had called NCC and NCMHCE to try to assist Mr. McCloud with his 3rd request of a 2 day examination and was informed that the request was not possible. Thomson Prometric suggested Mr. McCloud request ADA accommodations.

Ms. Protzman asked if Mr. McCloud had taken the examination with ADA accommodations.

Mr. McCloud responded that he did think he had asked for ADA accommodations but if he had more time he might be able to do better on the tests.

Mr. McCloud asked if his CPCI could be reinstated for another year so he could work in the field of counseling and take the required examinations.

Ms. Protzman asked if he would ask for extra time through ADA accommodations when he registers for the examinations.

Mr. McCloud responded that he would ask.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. McCloud would have to write a formal letter requesting reinstatement of his CPCI and asking for an extension of the license. She reminded Mr. McCloud that when he submits his registration he would need to submit the request for ADA accommodations and to be specific in his request by asking for extended time, additional breaks, be allowed to bring snacks in with him, etc.

Mr. McCloud asked for some input regarding how to study for the examinations.

Mr. Searle suggested Mr. McCloud review the notes and syllabi from his educational classes and the textbooks from his classes.

Mr. Workman suggested he contact the Utah Mental Health Counselors Association and inquire about their free weekend seminar where they review the information that is on the examinations. Mr. Workman gave Mr. McCloud the name and phone number of the contact person for the Utah Mental Health Counselor Association. Mr. Workman also suggest Mr. McCloud contact Don Beck at the University of Phoenix and ask if there is anyone getting ready to study for the examinations that he could study with.

Ms. Protzman made a motion for the Division to reinstate Mr. McCloud's CPCI and grant an extension for 1 year upon receiving a letter of request.

Dr. Gaede seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin suggested Mr. McCloud register and take the examinations as soon as possible. Ms.

Taxin stated that Ms. McCall will call and find out if he did request ADA accommodations and if he did not she will request the information and mail it to Mr. McCloud.

Mr. Searle suggested Mr. McCloud contact the University of Phoenix as soon as possible.

10:30 A.M.

Jose Carrillo, Application Review for
Professional Counselor Intern

Mr. Carrillo met for the review of his application for
Professional Counselor Intern licensing.

Board members and Division staff were introduced.

Mr. Searle asked if Mr. Carrillo's education was in semesters or quarters.

Mr. Carrillo responded that his education was in semesters.

Ms. Taxin stated that each State has different licensing requirements and coming from a different country makes the education very complicated as Mr. Carrillo must meet education requirements for Utah.

The Board reviewed Mr. Carrillo's education.

Mr. Workman noted that Mr. Carrillo was licensed in Florida as an Intern. He asked Mr. Carrillo to explain the level of licensing and when he was licensed in Florida.

Mr. Carrillo responded that the Intern license in Florida is similar to the Professional Counselor Extern license in Utah as he was deficient in the education requirement. Mr. Carrillo stated that Florida issued the Intern license in 2004.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Carrillo applied for the CPCI license in Utah to complete his hours for Professional Counselor licensing.

Mr. Searle and Ms. Protzman conducted the review for the Board.

Following discussion, the Board noted that Mr.

Carrillo's education is a Doctorate degree in Legal Psychology from Ecuador.

The Board determined he is deficient in the following areas:

- 1. Deficient 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours in Ethical Standards & Issues,**
- 2. Deficient 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours in Professional Roles and Standards**
- 3. Deficient 3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours in Cultural Foundations, and**
- 4. Deficient 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours in Psychopathology and DSM Classification.**

The Board recommended Mr. Carrillo be issued the Professional Counselor Extern license to complete the education requirement.

Mr. Searle requested Mr. Carrillo submit the syllabi from the Substance Abuse Courses he completed in Florida. He stated that the Board could then review the syllabi to determine if any of the deficient areas of coursework might be completed or if the courses are too focused on Substance Abuse.

Ms. Taxin requested Mr. Carrillo submit a letter explaining that he submitted the CPCI application in error and request the license type be changed to the Professional Counselor Extern and the fees be transferred.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Carrillo will be required to complete the education before applying for the CPCI and any supervised hours he completed in Florida will not count toward the required 4000 hours of mental health therapy training until he is licensed as a CPCI.

Mr. Carrillo responded that he understood the hours completed in Florida would not count.

Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Carrillo why he did not apply for the Psychology Resident license with his degree in Psychology.

Mr. Carrillo responded that he would also be required to complete additional courses for Psychology licensing.

Ms. Taxin explained that the Professional Counselor Extern will allow Mr. Carrillo to work under supervision for 3 years while he completes the deficient education courses. She reminded him again that the hours will not count toward the 4000 supervised mental health therapy hours for Professional Counselor licensing.

Mr. Carrillo asked if he will be able to obtain employment with the Extern license.

Ms. Taxin and the Board responded that there are several people with the Extern license who are employed.

Mr. Workman explained that his supervision may be under any licensed mental health therapist.

Ms. Taxin suggested Mr. Carrillo contact BYU, University of Utah, Christina Rodriguez, and University of Phoenix, Don Beck, regarding availability of the courses he is deficient.

Mr. Searle asked why Mr. Carrillo did not apply for the Substance Abuse Counselor license as he has documented that he worked in that field.

Ms. Taxin responded that he would not need the Substance Abuse Counselor license if he is licensed as a Professional Counselor.

APPLICATIONS:

Cori Rivelli, Review Application for
Professional Counselor Extern Licensing

Ms. Taxin explained that Ms. Rivelli applied for the Professional Counselor Extern license as she is deficient some of the required courses. Ms. Taxin asked the Board to review Ms. Rivelli's education and make a recommendation regarding if she meets the requirements to be licensed as a Professional Counselor Extern or if she is deficient too many courses.

Mr. Workman and Dr. Gaede conducted the

review of Ms. Rivelli's education.

The Board noted Ms. Rivelli's education is a 48 hour program with a Masters degree in Clinical Counseling. The Board noted that Ms. Rivelli is short 12 semester hours in meeting Utah's required 60 semester hour program.

Following discussion, the Board determined Ms. Rivelli is deficient in the following areas:

- 1. Deficient 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours in the area of Professional Roles and Standards.**
- 2. Deficient 1 semester hour in the area of Cultural Foundations.**
- 3. Deficient 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours in the area of the Internship,**
- 4. Ms. Rivelli has completed a course that was counted for the requirement of Advanced Assessment of Mental Status but the course description indicates that the course did not focus on MMPI nor advanced mental status with full development. The Board recommended Ms. Rivelli complete another 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours in this area to strengthen her skills and understanding.**

The Board recommended Ms. Rivelli be issued the Professional Counselor Extern license.

John Trent LaMar, Review Application to be an Approved Supervisor

Ms. Taxin explained that the Division received an application from John Trent LaMar for approval as a supervisor.

Ms. Taxin stated that the Division does not retain a list of approved supervisor but will note the information in Mr. LaMar's electronic file. She stated that she has thought of removing the application from the DOPL website.

Ms. Protzman commented that NBCC is moving forward with offering approved supervisor courses.

Ms. Taxin stated that the Division does not have the resources to review and approve supervisors and then retain a list of those approved.

Mr. Workman responded that the Association would be an excellent organization to retain a list of approved supervisors.

The Board requested further discussion at the January 16, 2007 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Tentative 2007 Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Taxin requested the Board to review the tentative 2007 Board meeting schedule regarding any conflicts. Ms. Taxin stated that we can cancel meetings if there are no agenda items or we can schedule additional meetings if necessary.

The Board noted the following dates for the 2007 Board meeting schedule: January 16, March 20, May 22, July 17, September 18 and November 6, 2007.

FYI

Craig Jackson, Division Director, notified the Board that he will be retiring from the Division at the end of December 2006 and this will be the last meeting he will be attending with the Professional Counselors Board.

The Board expressed their thanks for Mr. Jackson's support while he has been the Division Director.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The NCC Fall 2006 Newsletter

The Board reviewed the NCC Fall 2006 Newsletter.

Mr. Searle notified the Board that he attended a class on ethics in Idaho regarding adoptions and learned that the technical standard for dating a client has moved from 2 years to 5 years, but it is still wise and prudent to keep in mind that once a client they are always a client and there should be no relationship between the therapist and the client or former client.

Ms. Protzman commented that the preparation programs will be receiving new standards from CACREP soon.

Mr. Workman stated that there are concerns that CACREP is issuing accreditation for 48 hour programs and that CACREP will be requiring their professors to have PhD degrees. Mr. Workman stated that when the PhD degree is required for the CACREP professors there will no longer be CACREP accredited programs in Utah.

Mr. Workman commented that all 3 Universities in Utah are aware that the change will be coming but do not appear to be concerned.

The Revised AASCB 2007 Conference
Registration Form

The Board reviewed the revised AASCB 2007
Conference Registration Form. **There was no Board
action taken.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

January 16, 2007

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

11:46 A.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Professional Counselors Licensing
Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing